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Advisory Action

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit	
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THE REPLY FILED 07 July 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
- NOTE: The new limitation of circumferential spacing requires further consideration.
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-5 and 11-13.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 6-10.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 

10. Other: _____.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

— In response to applicant's argument (page 6, line 19) concerning that the wires 18 are not contacted, it appears that applicant is implying that the claim language requires physical contact rather than the electrical contact shown by the reference. If applicant wishes patent protection for physical contact, applicant must amend the claim in a manner consistent with that limitation.

— In response to applicant's argument (page 6, line 20) concerning that the wires 18 are not resilient in a manner required by the claims, applicant has not defined how the reference does not meet the claim limitation of resilient. The meaning of "resilient" is not set forth in the claims and is thus deemed to be so broad that it is met by the applied reference which meets the definition of the American Heritage dictionary of capable of returning to an original shape (see attached definition from The American Heritage Dictionary).

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re·sil·ient

re·sil·ient (rē-zil'yənt) **adjective**

1. Marked by the ability to recover readily, as from misfortune.
2. Capable of returning to an original shape or position, as after having been compressed. See synonyms at **flexible**.

[Latin *resiliens*, *resilient-*, present participle of *resilire*, to leap back. See *resile*.]

— re·sil·iently **adverb**

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